

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

February 29, 2000

CONVERSENT COMMUNICATIONS
OF MAINE, LLC
Petition For Finding of Public
Convenience & Necessity for
Additional Authority To Provide
Facilities-Based Switched Local Exchange
Docket No. 2000-23

ORDER APPROVING
ADDITIONAL
FACILITIES-BASED LOCAL
EXCHANGE SERVICE
TERRITORY

CONVERSENT COMMUNICATIONS
OF MAINE, LLC
Proposed Tariff Revision To Add
Facilities-Based Intrastate Services
And Other Services
Docket No. 2000-103

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
REVISION

CONVERSENT COMMUNICATIONS
OF MAINE LLC
Proposed Tariff For Access Services
Docket No. 2000-154

ORDER APPROVING ACCESS
TARIFF

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

On January 11, 2000, Conversent Communications of Maine, LLC (Conversent) (formerly known as NEVD of Maine) filed a petition to expand its service territory for facilities-based local exchange service to areas beyond those authorized in our order in Docket No. 98-582.

On March 30, 1999, in Docket No. 99-187, the Commission delegated to the Director of Technical Analysis the authority under 35-A M.R.S.A. §§ 2102 and 2105 to approve service territory changes by local exchange carriers.

For local exchange carriers (LECs) seeking to provide facilities-based local exchange service, the Director must initially make a determination that a LEC has made a reasonable showing that it will be providing facilities-based service to the area in question within six months. The Commission staff has reviewed the plans of Conversent and has determined that it has made a reasonable showing that it will be providing service within six months in the areas listed in the ordering paragraphs below.

Pursuant to the Delegation Order in Docket No. 99-187 (and a prior Order in Docket No. 97-028) the Director may also approve changes in terms and conditions filed by local exchange carriers. LECs have traditionally described their service territories in their terms and conditions and Conversent has filed revised term and

conditions, along with rates, terms and conditions for new facilities-based services in Docket No. 2000-103.

Related to Conversent's, request to provide facilities-based service in certain designated areas is its filing of an access tariff. That tariff has been assigned Docket No. 2000-154. (Originally it was filed in 2000-23.) Conversent represents that the tariff complies with the requirement of 35-A M.R.S.A. § 7101-B that its intrastate access rates not exceed its interstate access rates. We approve Conversent's access tariff.

Accordingly,

1. I FIND, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. §§ 2102 and 2105, that the public convenience and necessity requires the provision of additional facilities-based local exchange service in the areas listed below, also served by other telephone utilities, and hereby AUTHORIZE Conversent Communications of Maine, LLC to provide facilities-based local exchange service in the areas defined as the Portland and Westbrook exchanges of New England Telephone and Telegraph Company d/b/a Bell Atlantic-Maine; and
2. I APPROVE the revised terms and conditions of Conversent Communications of Maine, LLC, filed on February 3, 2000 in Docket No. 2000-103, consisting of the following pages in Maine Tariff No. 1:

Section 1, Second Revised Pages 2-4	Section 4, First Revised Page 6.1
Section 1, First Revised Page 5	Section 4, Original Page 7
Section 1, First Revised Page 7	Section 5, First Revised Page 1
Section 4, Second Revised Page 2	Section 5, Second Revised Page 2
Section 4, First Revised Pages 5.1 - 5.3	Section 5, Original Pages 2.1 – 2.2
Section 4, Original Pages 5.4, 5.5	Section 11, First Revised Page 1
Section 4, Second Revised Page 6	Section 14, Original Pages 1-24

3. I APPROVE the rates, terms and conditions for of Conversent Communications of Maine, LLC for access services, contained in Maine Tariff No. 2 (all original pages) and filed in Docket No. 2000-154.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 29th day of February, 2000.

BY ORDER OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF
TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Faith Huntington
Acting Director of Technical Analysis